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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)
10002-701.406

First named inventor: REILEY, Mark A.

Application No.: 10/657,837

Art Unit: 3738

Filed: September 9, 2003

Examiner: ISABELLA, David J.

Title: FACET ARTHROPLASTY DEVICES AND METHODS

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity-fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of a Notice of Appeal

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- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____
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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
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REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Dear Sir:

Applicant has filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival of the instant application. The circumstances of this petition are unusual.

The USPTO mailed a Final Office Action on August 23, 2006. The Examiner's analysis in the Final Rejection failed to address all of the pending claims, however. On December 18, 2006, Applicant therefore submitted a Response under 37 CFR 1.116 requesting that the Examiner issue a new and complete Final Rejection and to restart the appeal date clock.

On or about December 19, 2006, the undersigned attorney received a voicemail message from Examiner David Isabella stating that he would be issuing a new Final Rejection in this case that would restart the response date clock. On or about January 22, 2007, PAIR indicated that a new

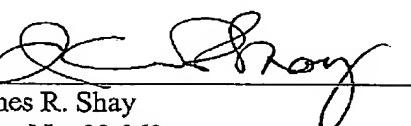
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Final Rejection had been counted but not yet mailed. The status of this case on PAIR has not changed since January 22, 2007. Applicant never received the new Final Rejection.

Since the sixth month date for filing a Notice of Appeal based on the original final rejection expired on February 23, 2007, Applicant is therefore submitting the accompanying Petition to Revive. If the new Final Rejection counted but not mailed on January 22, 2007, is ultimately mailed, thereby restarting the response date clock and obviating the need for the Petition to Revive, Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the petition fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 23, 2007

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